

IN THE CLAIMS

The claims in this case and their current status is as follows:

1. – 9. (canceled)

10. (previously presented) A method comprising:

- a) effecting a purchase of a first aircraft by a first plurality of fractional owners;
- b) effecting a lease granted by the first plurality of fractional owners to a first entity, the first entity operable to coordinate maintenance and operation of the first aircraft;
- c) providing the first entity with a first fee payment in exchange for the coordination of maintenance and operation of the first aircraft;
- d) in a computer based reservation system, determining and storing a use allocation for each fractional owner in an amount based on a fraction of the first aircraft owned by the fractional owner, the use allocation comprising a measure of flight usage of one or more fractionally-owned aircraft including the first aircraft;
- e) in the computer based reservation system, reducing and storing the use allocation for more than one fractional owner after a single flight that includes at least one passenger associated with each of the more than one fractional owners.

11. (previously presented) The method of claim 10 wherein the step c) further comprises:

assuming in a charter entity responsibility for providing the first entity with the first fee payment; and

receiving into the charter entity second fee payments from each fractional purchaser in an amount based on the use allocation determined in step d) for each fractional purchaser.

12. (previously presented) The method of claim 11 further comprising determining the second fee payments based on the first fee payment and a service fee attributed to services provided by the charter entity.

13. (previously presented) The method of claim 12 wherein the amount of the second fee payment is determined in part by:

determining the first fee payment;

determining a total use allocation fro the first aircraft;

determining the pro rata portion of the first fee payment attributed to the second fee payment of each fractional owner by dividing a use allocation determined in step c) for the fractional owner by the total use allocation for the first aircraft.

14. (previously presented) The method of claim 10 wherein the first fee payment is determined based on operating costs of maintaining and operating an aircraft and fixed costs of maintaining and operating an aircraft.

15. (previously presented) The method of claim 14 wherein fixed costs of maintaining and operating an aircraft includes flight crew salary expense.

16. – 21. (canceled)